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Sir:

RESPONSE A

This paper responds to the Office Action dated 3 April 2003 (Paper Number 4). The above Application contains pending Claims 1-31. Claims 1-31 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. The Office requires restriction to one of three Inventions: I – Claims 1-11 and 17; II – Claims 12-16; and III – Claims 18-31. The Office advises Applicant that selection of Invention III includes a requirement for an election of species.

Applicant elects, without traverse or prejudice, Invention I as embodied in Claims 1-11 and 17. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional or continuation applications for non-elected Inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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